

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 486
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A RESOLUTION to honor the Gibson County Utility District on its
50th year of operation.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those organizations that, through the extraordinary efforts of their members, have improved the quality of life for all Tennesseans and contributed enormously to industrial development; and

WHEREAS, the Gibson County Utility District was formed in 1953 to provide natural gas as a vital energy source for the betterment of Gibson County; and

WHEREAS, the District was set up and governed by a five-member Board of Commissioners which included Mr. C.C. Berry, President; Mr. J.O. Long, Vice-President; Mr. L.E. Haugewood, Secretary-Treasurer; Mr. J.M. Warren; and Mr. F.L. Burrow; Mr. Gayle Malone served as attorney, and E.R. Brandon was General Manager; and

WHEREAS, this year, the Gibson County Utility District celebrates the beginning of its fiftieth year of operation; and

WHEREAS, during these past fifty years, the Gibson County Utility District has grown and now distributes natural gas through 500 miles of main and 41 regulator stations to over 11,000 customers throughout Gibson County, including the towns of Kenton, Rutherford, Dyer,

Yorkville, Mason Hall, Trenton, Bradford, Milan, Gibson, and Medina; in addition, the District provides propane to over 1,200 customers; and

WHEREAS, the District employs forty-four dedicated workers, and is governed by a Board of Commissioners that includes Mr. Carmon Lannom, President; Mr. Randy Ferrell, Vice-President; Mr. Paul J. Spain, Secretary; Mr. Robert "Bob" Holman, Treasurer; and Mr. George Pounds; Mr. Richard Gossum serves as attorney for the District, and the General Manager is Pat Riley; and

WHEREAS, the District has active membership in the Tennessee Gas Association, the Tennessee Association of Utility Districts, and the American Public Gas Association; and

WHEREAS, natural gas is supplied to the county at three gate stations, two of which are supplied by the Williams South Central Pipeline Company, and the third of which is supplied by the El Paso/Central Pipeline Company; and

WHEREAS, the Gibson County Utility District is widely recognized across the State for its use of state-of-the-art technology, and has been featured on the national television series, *Champions of Industry*, as well as in the worldwide trade magazine, *Gas Utility Manager*, and

WHEREAS, taking all steps necessary and desirable to foster governmental and public goodwill, understanding, confidence, respect, and cooperation with the natural gas industry, the Gibson County Utility District has made evident its commitment to excellence and integrity; and

WHEREAS, for its dedication to ensuring the safest possible supply of natural gas, the District has been recognized with several Safety Awards by the American Public Gas Association; and

WHEREAS, the Gibson County Utility District, in carrying out its purposes and objectives, has been of immense value to the State of Tennessee and has created a splendid environment for industry and commerce; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud the Gibson County Utility District for its fifty years of demonstrated dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we congratulate the Gibson County Utility District upon its fifty years of worthy and far-reaching contributions to the welfare of the State of Tennessee and honor and commend the District for its outstanding and sterling contributions to all the people of the State of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.